

Net neutrality is key to allowing the Internet to operate as the engine of commerce, free speech, and innovation that it is today. Allowing ISP's to create fast lanes or charge content providers for access will stifle innovation and reduce competition by making it more difficult for new businesses to find an audience. Free speech will be at the mercy of ISP's as well. All Comcast or Time Warner has to do to silence websites critical of them is make those websites unusably slow. A fast lane or multi-tiered Internet is bad for consumers and bad for businesses that aren't ISP's. Maintain net neutrality.

—Jeremy Kirkman, Indianapolis, IN

It is our right to net neutrality.

—Bill leblanc, Lafayette, LA

No one should have the power to put people on different tracks. One of the best things about the internet is its ability to join people from all over the world, who would not ordinarily be able to communicate. There shouldn't be any segregation. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you.

—Carmen Ramirez Ramirez, Tallahassee, FL

Please keep the internet the way it is in terms of neutrality. Don't allow two speeds on the internet.

—Gregory Penniston, Tucson, AZ

It represents the spirit of true capitalism.

—Alex Boucher, New Rochelle, NY

Net Neutrality is the important because it provides affordable access to education and the civic responsibility of being an engaged citizen for all. To take away this level field of access is to clearly establish a class system; just like the caste systems of oppression in other parts of the world. Chairman Wheeler, is enforcing this caste system to be your legacy?

—James Ranstrom, Vashon, WA

A cease and desist letter was sent by Verizon to Netflix due to alleged slowed streaming, to which Verizon denies...This leaves me with a very bad impression of what will happen if the merger is actually approved...

—Suzanne Horsburgh, Laverne, CA

corporations should not be allowed to take over our freedoms that this country was created on. i want to be proud to be an american, not embarrassed. NET NEUTRALITY!

—Amy Romanowski, bethpage, NY

I want to be assured the game is not 'rigged' in favor of corporations with big dollars. I do not want any 'slowdown' of information that I choose to see.

—Paula Brennecke, Bonham, TX

Opednews, the Electronic Freedom Frontier and too many other progressive organizations to name have been organizing petitions, marches, etc. for over a year (the policy has been put forward in other forms, each swatted down by freedom-loving foes, until this one, which seems the most credible threat yet). I suggest a way of charging "rent" based on number of users, but I admit this is not fully worked out. Companies ought to pay for their use of the commons, which belong to all of us, whether that commons is physical or virtual. Some method of providing funds for future internet development has to be found which also does not impinge on the basic freedom to create new sites and have a fair chance of having them seen and used. Those with the largest numbers of users - Facebook, Netflix, Google, etc. - are benefiting from that even more than from their technology, and therefore they owe the rest of us "bandwidth rent" that could be channeled into upgrades and maintenance. If a service drives a double-wide trailer down a limited highway, as Netflix does nightly, there is reason to charge them more too, but with backroom deals, I'm not sure that isn't being done already. We have to be very careful that the right to charge some high usage users more doesn't morph into the right to cut back service for everyone else. And to make sure that all have equal access to their rightful share of the common bandwidth.

—Scott Baker, New York City, NY

The internet should not be governed by the corporations which is what will happen if net neutrality is not safeguarded.

—Dina Willner, Mahwah, NJ

CORPORATION RUN BY OUT-OF-TOUCH MILLIONAIRES DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO TELL ME WHAT I CAN AND CANNOT ON THE INTERNET! THE RICH DO NOT GET TO REGULATE THE MORALITY OF THE POOR AND WORKING CLASS!

—Maurice LaTier, Talent, OR

Please show us that we have not been completely sold out to the cable companies! Preserve the field that has led to incredible innovation and development. Keep the internet equal, neutral, and serving all citizens equal.

—Eileen Keller, Oakland, CA

freedom of speech and non discrimination based on finances and class.

—David tiene, nutley, NJ

Fairness for everyone is important to me. If Internet Service Providers can make more money by a two tiered system, who knows how far that would take us increasingly from the ideal of Net Neutrality.

—Patricia Beetle, Castleton, NY

Please rethink your rules regarding net neutrality. This country was founded on freedom, not having the large corporations take over everything. The internet is for all citizens.

—Susan Materer, Arlington Heights, IL

There should be equal access to everyone. Corporate sanctioned restrictions on which content will be delivered faster than other is ridiculous.

—Debra Humphreys, Saint Johns, FL

You should throw out the FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler's plan for creating two-tiered internet. What must be done is to reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thanks,

—Pinar Ozsoy, San Geronimo, CA

Information should be freely available to all. There should be no diffrence between witten, verbal, and digital speech, creation, and innovation. Without net neutrality everyone who uses the internet is harmed, the people lose at a small victory for a few large corporations. The internet is for everyone, and should be left open and free for all to use as they please.

—Brock Usher, cambridge,

The internet is a Commons! It cannot be usurped by corporate America! Do the right thing Tom!

—Joseph Taylor, Burbank, CA

It is very important to me that Net Neutrality be protected.

—Margaret Needham, East Brunswick, NJ

The Internet is our highway to the future do not reduce it to a cow path. It would be treasonous to do otherwise

—Stephen Sarnoff, Clearwater, FL

Don't let special (money making) interest win again.

—Laura Collins, NY, NY

The internet has now become essentially a common carrier / utility and should not be allowed to be controlled by corporations.

—Mr. Steve Winberg, Phoenix, AZ

Leave the internet neutral. Allowing companies to pay extra for faster speed is not net neutrality, it's nothing more than selling out. It will also hinder innovation and eliminate start up competitiveness. Keep it neutral!

—Andre fas, Tucson, AZ

I've been trying to write something here that is to the point and profound, but I realize this will fall on deaf ears. So let me be blunt: THE NEED TO CONTROL EVERYTHING SPEAKS OF A VERY DEEP PATHOLOGY. The universe is an extremely large place. Your pettiness is meaningless to everyone but you. Keep the internet neutral because there is more to be gained by this than you can imagine.

—Michael Smith, Winchester, MA

leave it alone...

—Greg Bard, a, TX

We are supposed to be a country of free speech!!

—Al Krause, nyc, NY

Let's keep a level playing field for EVERYONE on the Internet, our last bastion of FREE SPEECH.

—Burton Tschache, Kelseyville, CA

As for SPEED, the FCC must Rapidly Quicken its opposition to corporate take-over or any kind of corporate control of the Internet. NET NEUTRALITY is a must for freedom to prevail. Do NOT allow ISP to charge for faster speed. No! to inequality for Internet access and/or use. U.S. residents pay more but receive less. Let's pay less and receive more. FCC must attend to needs of U.S. citizens, not corporate profits which already exceed universal expectations. Time/need to move in the opposite direction.

—Donna Besser Stone, Boynton Beach, FL

Corporate control has rendered the 'public' airwaves useless as a source of news and information, they are saturated with the corporatist agenda. The lack of reliable, accurate information on important social and political issues has had a serious, detrimental effect on our 'democracy'; we must not allow a corporate takeover of the internet as well.

—Ron Weinberg, La Mirada, CA

Ips must be reclassified as common carriers to avoid having comcast and other carriers discriminate against content (such as political sites that dont lean right, as their political contributions suggest they support). Further, there is clearly a monopoly in this sphere that must be rectified, as there is currently no real competition. As a result, the service is expensive and crappy.

—Lynne Lasser, evanston, IL

As a 15-year-old high school freshman and aspiring software engineer, I am deeply concerned about the current handling of net neutrality by the FCC. I have been able to succeed thus far in my journey to learn as much about software engineering as possible due to the Internet. Using a massive range of online resources such as YouTube, countless forums, and innumerable blog posts and articles, I've amassed an unprecedented amount of knowledge on computers and their intricacies. If the FCC allows ISPs to limit my bandwidth to certain online resources, I may not be able to continue doing so. Others may not be able to enjoy the things we software engineers develop for them. Children who do not have access to formal education in a variety of intellectual enterprises may not be able to educate themselves online because their ISP decided that the resource that they wish to use deserves to be throttled. I sincerely hope that the FCC makes the right call and upholds net neutrality at all costs. I know that the major multibillion dollar corporations are throwing countless millions to you below the table but I believe that the people at FCC are intelligent and good-willed enough to make the right choice, and preserve net neutrality instead of cashing out. The economic benefits of net neutrality cannot be put into words, and if net neutrality goes, never-before-seen consequences will inevitably erupt. The risk is not worth it. I implore you, FCC, to uphold net neutrality.

—Devan Snow, Russell Springs, KY

It's about personal freedom. It's about not letting the 1% take yet another thing for their profit. Remember when cable was advertised as "commercial free"?

—T Beaver, Mount Vernon, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Bradley Burtner, Deerfield Beach, FL

Mr. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow service for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. This would be a terrible development, with severely negative impacts to society. And, it is obviously based on moneyed interests. If this plan is adopted, it will be another example of the institutionalized corruption that is built into our political system. My heartfelt prayer is that Mr Wheeler's plan is rejected. It is my hope that Internet service will be recognized as a public utility and regulated as such.

—David Zox, Cambridge, MA

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Evelyn Mcchesney, Seattle, WA

PLEASE DON'T DICTATE THE INTERNET OR WE WON'T ENJOY ANYTHING TO COME IN THE FUTURE OF THE INTERNET!

—Peter Thompson, Calverton, NY

Internet access is in the common interest, both for private citizens and businesses alike. Reclassify Internet Service Providers as Type II common carriers. You can let lawyers ruin one of the greatest inventions in human history, you just can't.

—Killian Hermann, Burlington, VT

To protect free speech online, please reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers.

—Judith Reed, Keene, NH

Equal internet access & cost for everyone allows creativity in all fields of endeavor and for all economic levels of society and all ages of participants, thereby allowing and sustaining new vibrant and previously unimaginable solutions to society's and the planet's urgent and long-term needs.

—Rich Goldberg, Pennngrove, CA

Internet should be for everyone - reclassify ISPs as common carriers

—Diane Black, Salem, OR

NOBODY wants your new rules but a few gigantic corporations. And yet you are supposed to be protecting the interests of ALL Americans. You need to dump these rules and instate net neutrality for real, NOW. Net neutrality IS democracy, IS free speech, and you don't have the right to sell in to the highest bidder which is what you just did. It is shameful, and shameless pandering to mega-corporations who CLEARLY have shown they will trample our constitutional rights to augment their profits. Your job is NOT to help them do that.

—P Welland, Florence, MA

It is not possible to allow ISPs to prioritize some traffic without negatively impacting the speed of non prioritized traffic. It is impossible to do.
DO NOT ALLOW PRIORITIZED TRAFFIC

—J Scott Wright, Marietta, GA

Please do not let corporations own our internet. No rule changes.

—Susan van der Naald, Oregon City, OR

Meet neutrality is the only fair solution.

—Chris Riley, Scotch Plains, NJ

Freedom. America. Patriotism. All these hinge in their future on try net neutrality.

—Erik Fulkerson, Fullerton, CA

Please classify ISPs as a common carrier so that no one company can have an advantage over another or over citizens who use the Internet.

—Jesse Moore, Teriton, OK

I believe strongly that TOTAL 'net neutrality' is essential. To continue equal access of use of the internet is essential to allow the continued growth and spirit of entrepreneurship that evolved due to the equal access to broadband that now exists. How many websites and social media as well as all other media & educational access exists now only because of that equal access? We must continue the policies of the past. They have worked beautifully and if it's not broken, there is nothing to 'fix'. Leave them in place. No tiers!

—Mr. Paul Shuck, Kokomo, IN

You always respond to my emails telling me that you support "net neutrality" yet you continue to push a plan that would make the internet very UN-neutral! I know you are a cable/ISP company pawn and you probably wont read this and will do what the money tells you to do and will harm our internet, the millions of companies that depend on it, and limit the abilities of future entrepreneurs that will improve the internet, but I would just love it if you could provide myself and all of the millions of us that are outraged by your proposals with just a little bit of hope that the political system is not COMPLETELY BROKEN and keep the internet TRULY NEUTRAL! I'm sure you will disappoint us and make sure the big money gets bigger while the quality of service continues to decay, but just imagine if you didn't! IMAGINE IF YOU DID WHAT WAS RIGHT AND DID WHAT 99% OF THE PEOPLE WILL AND LEAVE THE INTERNET AS IT!!!!

—Joel Webb, Albany, CA

ISPs MUST AND SHOULD BE RECLASSIFIED AS COMMON CARRIERS. THIS WOULD EQUATE TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH FOR ALL NOT JUST FOR THE CHOSEN FEW. CAPS ARE INTENTIONAL FOR

—Garry Ford, Blue Ridge Summit, PA

How about we take away all your freedoms and leave you with minimum wage trying to pay for everything? Wouldn't like it would ya? So stop this nonsense and leave the internet be!

—Kyle Krause, Miami, FL

I already feel like I have very few choices, and am spending more and more for less and less service. That last thing in the world I need now is for you to weaken net neutrality so I have to pay more for even less service. And of course that will happen if you do this. In fact, I believe you need to strengthen net neutrality, not weaken it!

—Mary Bolack, Tulsa, OK

98% of the people would not benefit if net neutrality were to end.

—Mary Davis, Guntown, MS

Tiered access undermines the ideals of the Internet by giving preferential treatment to those that pay more. Internet access providers are hardly neutral players and it is in their interest to steer users to sites that benefit them. The Internet is about giving users choice not setting up new revenue streams for access providers. Regulating providers like utilities would be a step in the right direction while removing network neutrality is not.

—Brian Kelly, Fullerton, CA

Stop being WIMPS to these corporations! Absolutely disgusting. Force these companies to keep the whole internet equal for ALL! And create laws that penalize "choking or the slowing of" those that don't have BILLIONS!

—Gary Bater, Bellefonte, PA

I depend on an open Internet for research and job related information - the Internet is a public good that must be protected

—Joseph A. Palermo, Sacramento, CA

In this world and especially this country where the real power is dictated by the wealthy, if you let net neutrality get beat down, there will be next to nothing that everyday people can truly call their own. To let big corporations run the net and vacuum even more money from the rest of us would take us a step into a direction that most of us fear. Please step up and make at least a tiny part of our past and what our soldiers thought they were fighting for become true.

—Steve and Roberta Raps, Eaton, OH

I'm don't want to live in a Corporation ruled world.

—Faith Franck, las vegas, NV

FCC throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the internet belongs to the people not these corporations who suck the people dry.

—Lj Lombardo, Beaumont, TX

net neutrality is at the core of democracy, and is key to maximizing our evolutionary potential. There is no ethical basis for obstructing our freedom in order to build shareholder profit

—Robin Cohen, Boynton Beach, FL

In today's world Internet access is as necessary as any other utility. You can NOT search for a job, pay your bills, or participate fully in anything without access.

—Jerry Holmes, Franklinton, NC

I oppose a closed network where corporations can block content on the Internet, and favor others. All Internet traffic should be treated equally.

—David Rossi, San Antonio, TX

The FCC rules are out and they are terrible. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Change them.

—Sara Garcia, Garland, TX

Real net neutrality is important because it means that the internet can be used as a tool for real grassroots democracy in America and in the world.

—Laura Jordan, Flint, MI

Please throw out your present rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality!

—Vernon and Mary Joyce Dixon, Hiawassee, GA

Treat ISPs as a common carrier -- BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEY ARE!

—David Kemnitzer, Oakland, CA

This is a blatant example of monopolies running amok.

—Cheryl North, Phoenix, MD

Please support net neutrality. Equal access is so important.

—Diana van Eyk, Nelson,

As someone who works on websites for small businesses and independent artists, I would be extremely negatively affected by the loss of fair and equal bandwidth. A fair and equal internet is one of the greatest things to happen in my lifetime. Please don't sell it to the highest bidder. You should consider what people want, not just sell out.

—Janet Jackson, STATEN ISLAND, NY

Big money interest should not be getting special favor.

—Dennis J Sabourin, chicopee, MA

Please do not end net neutrality to benefit a few companies at the expense of all other companies and the general public.

—James Anderson, Storden, MN

One word: FREEDOM!

—Michael L. Dellger, Sheboygan, WI

The Net was originally developed through tax dollars financing for our collective benefit. Not for the benefit of corporations. The Net is a 21st century utility. Treat it as such. Thank you.

—Michael Neeman, Dayton, OH

Because: I am a God fearing American born citizen who believes in the Constitution, the rights of man and that to describe a corporation as a person is absolute stupidity and who served my country on active duty for 20 years all in good standing to defend my beliefs and not to have them sold to the highest bidder.

—John Wernsdorfer, Rio Rancho, NM

Don't allow companies to pick winners or losers on what I want to watch or the excersize of free speech based on affordability or convenience. The internet is a Utility just like the road system and power grid that should not in anyway discriminate the users

—Barry Danielson, New Westminster, AZ

The Internet should not be for sale to the highest bidder. Stifling the internet with your new rules will stifle creativity and productivity. Throw out your proposed rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. And please stop saying you support an open and free Internet when your actions say otherwise.

—Mary Barker, Lancaster, CA

Let the internet remain free and available to everyone.

—Samantha James, Johnson city, TN

Please stop bowing to corporate interests and leave the internet alone.

—Chad Moss, Austin, TX

Net Neutrality is important to me because without it we loose the wonderful equalizer and deseminator of information that the Internet is. It's the global brain that connects us all. Don't perform a lobotomy! The internet is, and should be protected like, a public utility.

—Carol Fusco, Berkeley, CA

Dear members of the FCC, I urge you to reclassify ISPs as common carriers to allow the internet to remain open and free. The internet nowadays is a necessity and should not be regulated by corporations. There's no reason for me to keep explaining each and every point because you already know very well that what you're doing is plain wrong! Regards.

—Cristiano Migliore, Duluth, MN

Don't place the internet under the control of the cable companies! Stop bowing to your corporate masters!

—Nolan Carpenter, Huntsville, AL

Giving cable companies more power to extort fees from people is a horrible idea! These companies are already horrible bullies and terrible for communities, don't get them more power to behave even worse!

—Charles W Hooks, Schaumburg, IL

WHY SHOULD BIG MONEY HAVE THIS INTERNET FAST LANE AND NOT THE COMMON PEOPLE WHERE ALL THE MONEY COMES FROM? WHAT MAKES THEM MORE IMPORTANT THAN, SAY MY DAUGHTER'S AT HOME BUSINESS?

—Tom Lindsey, San Mateo, CA

I do not want to see the internet go the way of cable TV. Cable TV is over priced, most of the content is commercials. I will not tolerate an internet controlled by greedy corporations. I have sold my TV and do not expect to ever buy an other TV.

—Robert Anderson, Rapid City, MI

This plan would let the large established Internet service providers like create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. This wold be very harmful for small emerging businesses on the web, and the average consumer. PLEASE FCC throw out your own rules and INSTEAD reclassify ISPs as common carriers. THANKS!

—Rick Martinez, Jersey City, NJ

We need you to keep the internet as a common carrier. The internet needs to be equal for all because if the large corporations are allowed to screw us even more than they already do, and take advantage of their huge monopolies, the small business person will never be able to succeed, and there will no longer be a creative force in the USA. We will wither and die, and all creativity will go elsewhere in the world, where the internet is made free, and equal and often provided by their government and is HIGHLY REGULATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC!!! Instead of being watched by the foxes who used to work for the people who are now trying to fix it so they can gouge everyone.

—Vivian Donahue, Charlottesville, VA

This rich have everything else. The poor need the internet.

—Carol Lynn Jones, Martinsburg, WV

Would you have 'slow' phone service for those who couldn't afford paying the most? Would you have 'weak' electric? These policies help the rich stay rich, and everyone else stay poor. So many other countries are thriving without these kinds of policies. This is the wrong direction.

—Ray James, madison, WI

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income receiving a govt pension. My years of serving the people of this country were at a sacrifice financially. My internet usage should not suffer because I chose service over personal gain.

—Salim Ali, East Orange, NJ

Fast Internet should be available to all!

—Peg LeClair, Lee, MA

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—Natalie Kleiner, Duluth, MN

It is important people have the option to choose whatever provider they'd like without feeling as if they're trapped with only one option. Along with this, it is integral to the spirit of America that there are no fast-lanes - everyone should have the same priority, speed, and accessibility. Reclassify ISPs as an Act II Telecommunications service.

—Amanda, Mequon, WI

What the fuck are you thinking? Seriously. I'm Canadian so, in theory, this shouldn't effect me at all but even I'm terrified that you're going to further monopolize the flow of information and free speech. America has done some really, REALLY, stupid shit in my time on this continent but this just might take the cake. Do you people eat cake or do Verizon and Time/Warner own that too? Do people have to pay extra if they want their cake faster? I bet buttercream icing costs extra. I never thought I'd see the day when America would try to stem the flow of buttercream icing. That shit is delicious. Every American should be able to access buttercream whenever they want at an efficient speed without having to worry about being held hostage to a mega-corporation. I know some cakes have fondant, but that's like paving a cake with a sheet of sugary turd. I suppose that might be a good metaphor for all of this. Let the people have delicious buttercream squeezed out of an icing bag at whatever rate they choose. It may not be pretty, icing a cake is hard yo, but it's better than a sheet of rolled fondant smothering that shit. Idiots.

—Robert Scott, Saskatoon,

Please don't pander to bloated corporate profit mongering. A two tiered internet is absurd and can in no way be of benefit to the American people. Please reclassify the internet as a utility.

—Christopher Aeron Polly, Portland, OR

Net neutrality is important to me for many reasons. It protects my first amendment rights by ensuring my voice can be delivered as effectively as anyone else's; it enables my business to communicate as fast as any other business; and it keeps opportunities for healthy competition alive in all industries. It also helps keep prices for online services low.

—Tom Goodell, Minneapolis, MN

The Internet is public, not private, and should never provide preferential treatment or different levels of service to any of its users.

—Robert Janetzko, Naperville, IL

The federal government has allowed the telecomm companies to become monopolies. You are failing, don't let that be your Wikipedia headline when your descendants go to look at what you did with your life.

—Bradley Colden, Whittier, CA

I like to find balanced reportage of issues...international, political, medical, ... everything. I subscribe to both liberal and conservative sites, to learn what both sides are saying / thinking. I already fear that our access to ALL the news is filtered by owners of TV channels, newspapers, etc. PLEASE don't block my one remaining means of "checking the facts" and making my own decisions!

—Judith Passmore, Middletown, CT

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. We don't need any changes to the way the internet is RIGHT NOW!

—John George, Grand Rapids, MI

I am a web developer, entrepreneur, and job creator. The free, open, and neutral internet makes that possible. Please do the patriot and economically responsible thing: uphold and enforce net neutrality.

—Joshua Reyes, Cambridge, MA

freedom

—Kent Swenson, franklin, NC

monopolies and too big to fail corporations are the economies of the worlds worst enemies. now you seem to think that everything is alright with the way the middle class is progressing and are ready to put another obstacle in the real business worlds way. without new ideas and start-ups, business will turn stale, whither and die and our world with it.

—Thomas Gayle H. and Kelly, Edmonds, WA

The internet needs to be recognized as a common carrier and ISP's should not be allowed to give preferential treatment to one entity over another. A diversity of ideas and content is essential to a healthy society, just as a diversity of organisms is essential to a healthy ecosystem.

—David Kozlowski, Santa Fe, NM

There should not be a two tiered system for the internet. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. The internet is a necessary utility. I use it for communication as much as I use the telephone and the fax machine for my personal life and for my business.

—Martha Jean Ottina Ph.D., Sherman Oaks,, CA

The internet is the great equalizer no matter your income. Take away net neutrality and that gives the advantage to large corporations with deep pockets. The small innovative startups will never have a chance.

—Stephen Hamre, Forest Lake, MN

It is important that we have a free and open internet. No one entity should have preference over another. It is good for all businesses to advertise their products and new start-ups to reach prospective customers, but it is also necessary to get information on health, finances, travel, history – all kinds of basic information. It is not just advertising and no one should be denied access. We have a diverse world population and there should be room for everyone's needs for information to be met.

—Betty Jean Colson, Austin, TX

It is vitally important as someone who depends on the internet for a living to have equal access to all of it and not just the marginally insignificant drivel that would be the norm if net neutrality were to become history. I implore you to keep the internet open to everyone and not just those with the money because it can be a financial savior to many struggling people with no other means of avoiding poverty. Don't let big corporations gobble up more power than they already have.

—Jeff S, Ogdensburg, NY

Why am I not surprised the FCC would side with big business. It's a shakedown. You should be ashamed.

—Candace Bieneman, san francisco, CA

If this needs to be explained to you, then you have no business being at the FCC.

—Chris Reid, Clovis, CA

We have the right to no restrictions if any kind. Creating a fast lane goes directly against the ethos behind the creation of the internet and hurts the primary users

—Marc Cobb, Seattle, WA

The internet should be free and open and not controlled by corporations.

—Benjamin Scott, richmond, VA

The internet is one of the very last things not to be completely corrupted and distorted by greedy, self aggrandizing, dishonest corporations. The internet is where I get speedy access to genuinely alternative points of view and information. Absolutely the last thing that needs to happen is for this great information superhighway to be controlled by the worst forms of human endeavor on the planet!

—Duncan Brown, Tucson, AZ

The Internet, like the entire IT industry, only exists because the massive start-up costs were financed with our tax dollars via government programs, mainly in the Defense Department. The ISP's profit margins are already in the stratosphere, while speed and quality lags behind that in other advanced nations.

—David Ronk, Hollywood, FL

Without net neutrality, small businesses will be stifled.

—Ronn D Koester, Toledo, OH

We need a free internet, just like we need a free press.

—Thomas Bousman, kansas city, MO

Please discard your proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. As a student entrepreneur, I rely on the unfettered transmission of data to perform extensive research and to set up the data-intensive processes that will run my startup company. I'm not very sympathetic to ISP arguments: they laughed at the very idea of the Internet when it was first proposed yet now seem to think they're entitled to turn it into a toll road of sorts. This is insane: I can't think of a better way to ruin innovation and further stagnate our leadership in the world. Without net neutrality, Alta Vista could have simply bought faster access than Google, despite its delivery of inferior value to consumers. Facebook might never have gotten out of a dorm room, and Amazon would still be in a Seattle garage. It's un-American and unacceptable to simply let us drift back to the oligarchies of the past. We don't need a new age of hi-tech railroad barons and oil magnates. In my area, Time Warner Cable is the only true choice for cable Internet. Verizon, ATT, and satellite Internet providers offer even less than TWC. It's a monopoly and it's horrible: they never upgrade service, upload/download speeds are consistently slow (by modern standards), and service is lackluster at best. Most recently, I was stuck waiting for a service rep the entire day; he never showed up. There's fiber laid throughout the city, but we can't use it for whatever reason. I doubt letting Comcast merge with TWC will make service any better. In fact, basic economics tells us--with a wealth of historical data--that service will likely become worse and more expensive as Comcast/TWC move to extract even more rents from their monopoly. Please, let innovation rule, not money. Keep the infrastructure of the Internet neutral, upgrade it, and expand it.

—Grant Shuler, Cincinnati, OH

STOP GIVING THE COMMON GOOD, WHICH IS THE INTERNET, AWAY TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!

—Howard R. Katz, Batavia, IL

Because I use the internet to help support myself, keep in contact with friends & family, and entertain myself.

—Delila Owens, Bakersfield, CA

Your plans to change the rules on the internet are clearly designed to benefit the large cable companies...NOT THE CONSUMER!!! Having Tom Wheeler as the Chairman of the FCC with his ties to lobbying for the Cable Companies is a joke. Assuming that the FCC is truly interested or cares what we think, then heed these words that I and many others are saying....scrap this nonsense attempt to destroy TRUE Net Neutrality.

—Stan Gershon, Marietta, GA

Because the internet was developed as a research tool for everyone, and not an advertising pipeline or a commercial utility, there for the highest bidder.

—Samuel C. Blackman MD, PhD, Philadelphia, PA

Think about your responsibilities as FCC representatives in a free country with freedom of speech and freedom of choice.

—Jeff Jelinek, Austin, TX

How often is it so TOTALLY OBVIOUS that the greedy, insane, "NEVER CAN STEAL ENOUGH" 1-percent in this country is trying to DO THAT AGAIN. Is there any "Common Sense" (in both meanings) left inside the Beltway? JUST DO IT: WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO TOTALLY MAKE THE INTERNET (in this country) a public utility, subject to full FCC regulatory control. STOP GIVING AWAY YOU (and OUR) power to rich, Satanic, cash-spewing lobbyists. Otherwise, you will create TOTAL, CRUSHING CITIZEN RAGE for not doing your job, for a change. Enough said. Deal with it. DO IT.

—Berkeley Fuller-Lewis, Emeryville, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality. Classify ISPs as common carriers. We already have the big corporate interests calling the shots in everything from elections to banking, transportation and most of the rest of business. And in Washington (let me guess how many of their lobbyists you have heard from exercising their free speech). The people need at least one place where they get equal access.

—Peter DeGroot, Ashland, OR

The Internet does NOT belong to huge corporations. If Democracy means anything at all, this power grab must be stopped. Personally I use the Internet quite often but the sites that interest me the most are not the sites that get millions of hits. How many artblogs do you know that get millions of people looking at them???? I do not see why I am not deserving of equal treatment online simply because I am not connecting to the giants. Also, where I live I have only one internet cable provider to "choose" from. I hope you will make the right decision on this and think about the true meaning of a democratic society where everyone is equal under the law. Sincerely, Marilyn Kirsch

—Marilyn Kirsch, New York, NY

The funding for the creation and development of the Internet came from the Department of Defense and the National Science Foundation. Since all taxpayers support these government institutions, they should remain free and equal to all citizens. No private company or government agency has a right to restrict access to the Internet or censure its use. Collecting personal data or eaves dropping on all people should not be allowed unless a court approves it. That should be limited to unlawful behavior such as terrorist activity. Internet service providers should not be allowed to control which content comes up in a search engine. All people and businesses should have an equal chance for coming up on a search. No company or person should receive preferential treatment. There should not be a two-tiered speed for those who can afford more speed. The Internet should be classified and regulated as a public utility. It needs to be classified as a common carrier because it has become a way we communicate. We write letters (email) like the postal service. We watch videos, educational shows, sports, and sitcom shows like cable television. We make telephone calls through the Internet like our current phone companies. The Internet gives all people an equal chance to voice their views on all topics including politics. We should not let any person or company restrict or charge more for different groups with various political views. All should be allowed to speak freely. A billionaire should not be able to have any more voice than a poor person. A large company should not have any special treatment over a small business. The Internet belongs to us all and needs to be preserved for all to use it freely and equally.

—Julius L. Simmons, Waxahachie, TX

Please do the job you are tasked and protect our Internet from more interference from the corporate masters who seem to run most of the rest of our lives...and yours.

—Steven W. Jackson, Lakewood, CO

This is just legalized looting and blackmail and what happens when you appoint a fox to watch the hen house. The President should be ashamed of himself and his appointment. Keep the Internet free and open.

—Kevin Riley, Nashville, TN

TREAT THE INTERNET LIKE A PUBLIC UTILITY. THE WORLD WIDE WEB IS FOR EVERYONE EQUALLY! DON'T RUIN IT WITH THESE FAST LANES THAT FAVOR THE WEALTHIEST. THE WORLD WIDE WEB IS FOR ALL.

—Elizabeth Scheppler, Arlington, TX

As the owner of a small technology company, I have enough problems trying to compete with larger, more established companies. If net neutrality is not maintained, there is no way I will be able to afford to provide the same level of service offered by my larger competitors. It could, quite literally, put me out of business. Net neutrality is essential in promoting competition and upholding the principles of the free market. PLEASE do not kill net neutrality!!

—Katherine Washut, Cedar Falls, IA

The net could be the main tool we use to build a future for communities across the country. We don't need another tool by which communities are mined for their wealth and given nothing in return except a quality of life that much lower. The net could be the thing, if civic mindedly cultivated, could increase the number of small business in my community, create a locally informed labor exchange, and revolutionize education out of the broken, industrial age education-in- (expensive) classroom buildings concept from which it currently convoluted suffers.

—Keith Baughman, Ashford, CT

Don't sell out the public. We have a right to equal internet speed for all.

—Judith Gardner, Durham, NH

My right to communicate via the internet is not inferior to that of any rich man/corporation.

—Doug JAcques, Ottawa,

The success of the internet is founded on it's openness and by offering a true equal footing for all. Any form of restriction, no matter how well intended, will only reduce the openness and equal playing field. The efforts to reduce true net neutrality are pushed by telecoms seeking to extract more revenue by monopolistic and extortion practices, rather than compete with each other and being forced to improve services.

—Matthias Johnson, Westminster, CO

Everyone needs to have equal access to the internet

—Bob Atwood, Redding, CA

Please allow the internet to remain open. Too often an argument for not making change is the slippery slope argument. In this case I would have to agree. If you look at how cable was originally rolled out to where cable is today as far as it originally being free and/or very low cost compared to very expensive now, the same thing could happen with Net Neutrality. You could start with a fast and slow lane and after that, the gap can just widen and widen. Everything in the United States has to be made into something that can always be more profitable, but can't regulators do their job and actually just regulate something for once?

—Emmanuel Psihountas, Mahopac, NY

This would be so unfair. This would suppress creativity and free speech, suppress research of/the expansion of technology, suppress small business, it refutes the whole idea of capitalism and free market, and it would allow monopolies to flourish. Please vote against this. Thank you.

—Cheryl Wankmueller, Monroe Township, NJ

The internet is a utility and equal access to all is a basic civil right. Please don't further the growing American oligarchy by creating an elite tier for the rich. Classify the internet as a utility and make the internet a neutral place where opportunity is equal to all.

—Erik Bogle, Houston, TX

Net Neutrality is the only way to guarantee true competitive business practices and full consumer access.

—Patrick Flaherty, San Francisco, CA

Please keep your hands and mind off the current Internet. The internet belongs to We The People. You should understand your ideas for change are dishonest, disloyal and disgusting. I am 88 years old and served in WWII to preserve our Freedoms. As far as I know your generation has done zilch to better our country.

—Duane O. Jackson, Saint Croix Falls, WI

Everybody wake up. What's the old saying? "if it ain't broke don't fix it" A portion of people figured out a way to generate money by changing how the Internet is operated. So change the whole Internet to accompany the small portion of people? Everybody uses the Internet, but not everybody is tuned into what you're trying to do. Once everybody knows what you're trying to do there will be the biggest backlash in the history of United States. Leave it alone! Nobody owns the Internet. And for God sakes does the chairman of the FCC have to have a history with the other side? Do you really think where THAT! dumb. You're about to wake a sleeping monster leave it alone.

—George Hutchinson, Roswell, GA

If you allow the internet to be taken over by big business, you are effectively stifling the voices of the people who rely on the internet to communicate. The internet is a public domain and as such should not be subject to restrictions dictated by the highest bidder. Do not allow the destruction of net neutrality. The internet belongs to all of us.

—Francine Gillis, Harker hts, TX

Your job is to protect the public, not serve big business. You owe it to the public to provide a level playing field in net usage. Do your job

—Albert L. Wiest, Birbsboro, PA

Keep the net free, do not allow your greed to blind you to the consequences. This is not your decision to make!!! SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!!!

—Whitney Baker, Eagle Point, OR

we need a free internet, not one controlled by soulless, rapacious corporations. Support Net Neutrality, reclassify ISPs as common carriers now.

—Richard Crawford, Middletown, OH

Corporate entities should not be allowed to control the activity of the internet.

—Andy Lupenko, Lemon Grove, CA

I use the Internet all the time for my work. I often have to research difficult terms - I am a technical translator. Often I find the answers I need at smaller websites, due to the highly specific nature of my research. It would be a disaster for me and for others like me, if I could not access the websites from smaller entities/companies, due to discrimination in favor of large, rich companies. The Internet is as important and crucial to us ordinary 99% of the American people, as being able to use the Post office or the phone, or even listen to the radio. Please do not take this right away from us! Please preserve Net neutrality, and an Internet that operates on equal terms for everyone, regardless of how much money we happen to have in the bank. The Internet needs to be accessible in equal terms for 100% of the American people - not just the rich 1% of corporate America.

—Pia Alm-Basu, Loveland, OH

Startup companies, academics, and people in daily life need a fair shot at communication. It is the same as free speech in our society.

—Dr. Norman Howden, Dallas, TX

Stop Time Warner and Comcast from manipulating the internet! The internet is not broken but the greedy assholes that want to change it, need to do the right thing instead of the money hungry thing!!!

—Debra L Watson, Gering, NE

It is OUR Net !

—don P, Norman, OK

Throw out the old rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Steve R. Banyai, PORT MANSFIELD, TX

We must protect Net Neutrality at all cost.

—Maurice Fluellen, Philadelphia, PA

Fairness and equality are critical! Please keep Net Neutrality by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Michelle Steger, Longmeadow, MA

In addition to stifling innovation, small enterprise and the like, Net Neutrality provides ESSENTIAL means of COMMUNICATIONS for seniors, the disabled, the less mobile. RECLASSIFY BROADBAND AS A UTILITY - NOW!

—JI Keith, Providence, RI

This invites corruption and bullying

—Jim Dyson, Gloucester, RI

PLEASE PROTECT THE NET AND KEEP IT FREE AND OPEN, NOT FAIR GAME TO BIG CORPORATIONS WHO WOULD THEN DICTATE HOW THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WILL USE IT. THAT'S NOT FAIR !!!

—Sherrie Pizzo, Elmira, NY

The Internet is important to me as I am an invalid and earning my college degree is the most important thing. In fact, I have had numerous opportunities just by accessing the Internet checking my email accounts for proposed job prospects. Despite my disability, some employers are patient in scheduling my interviews on FaceTime. Without the Internet I would lose many opportunities to a normal life. Please FCC Tom Wheeler, throw out those rules on your proposal and reclassify the ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality is a benefit to many Americans who don't know how to speak up to voice their position. Please allow the underprivileged who want to work but have disabilities that challenge how we work, please allow me the opportunity to acquire an education and employment through this medium. Find another interest and pursue that idea. Retain Net Neutrality Chairperson Tom Wheeler, leave the Open Internet the way it is, for my sake, please!

—Michael Divarden, Silver Spring, MD

to speak ,, and hear the words ,, that keep us together as one , bless

—Earl F Martin, hollywood, FL

Non-discrimination IS the American way!

—Emil Reisman, Encino, CA

Freedom from the money influences!!!!!!!!!!

—John Pinczich, Longmont, CO

Online discrimination by ISPs would be a stab in the back for Internet freedom.

—Abraham Rozman, Albion, NY

In one word - Freedom! It is beyond ridiculous that this is even an issue in the United States. It's all about money and control, control of OUR internet to the highest bidder! Please stop this unconscionable attack!

—Cheryl Conklin, Austin, TX

The internet is a utility, just like the electric, gas and water. As such, it should be regulated and available equally to everyone.

—James Long, Hummelstown, PA

The world at large can accept nothing less than complete NET NEUTRALITY. I AM ONE OF THE AT LARGE. PLEASE LISTEN TO US. it's YOUR FUTURE TOO.

—Danny Bobeck, ballston lake, NY

Net neutrality helps keeps costs down if special connections speeds are rewarded by who pays more it will be the everyday user who suffers because the cost of being online will go up. Also it limits those services and slows them down that do not have the money to compete.

—David Lund, Springfield, MO

The internet is a valuable public service, which shouldn't fall to the hands of corporations who would deny us our rights to the free exchange of information in order to make a profit. For once, our government should represent the rights of the people, and not cave into corporate corruption.

—MP Nunan, New York, NY

Net Neutrality is important so that I can talk to YOU! Turn it into lanes and do you really think YOU or the people you put your boss in office will ever hear from us? You're not even listening now. So why do I try? Because it's important to save us from folks like YOU. Thanks for listening...

—Leslie Kappes, Hewitt, NJ

The cable companies and telcos need to stop this nonsense. The net needs to be fair and equal for all who access.

—Mitch Dalition, San Francisco, CA

Please maintain the openness of the internet by designating it as a public entity rather than a private or semi-private one. To comply with the wishes of the few may be advantageous to you personally because of some favor the rich will repay to you, but do you really want to be a betrayer? Do you really want to grovel on your knees and kiss the posteriors of the rich to get your personal advantage? Do you value yourself and your role as a person who fights for the good of all? Please fight for the good of all! Thank you.

—Chris Anderson, Lancaster, OH

Net neutrality keeps the playing field level; America's democratic future -- and its capitalistic innovation -- depends on keeping the Internet neutral. How is it possible that a former telecommunication industry lobbyist would be considered for FCC chairman?

—Gerald Stone, Boynton Beach, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler & FCC Commissioners, We need Universal Ultra-High Speed Internet service for everyone in the USA so that we can compete with the World. Being 30th worldwide in net download speeds behind Russia & above Slovakia means that we are essentially a 3rd World Country & NOT a Tech Powerhouse. We must have ALL NET PROVIDERS (ISPs) classified as Title II Common Carriers & mandated Ultra-High Speed service for all, but especially to all schools & pubic libraries. Thank you very kindly for your time and attention & that of your fine staff. Yours truly, Mr. Brett Greisen NYC 10025

—Mr. Brett A. Greisen, New York, NY

The internet needs to be treated as a utility, which it is, and be available to everyone on this planet. I am disabled and rely on the internet for my life, for contact with the world.

—Amy Sophia Marashinsky, Shutesbury, MA

Everyone is sick to death of major corporations having control of our lives. This attempt by the FCC is just another way for big companies to control us. Stop it. Or are you getting so many backhanders from them it's financially disadvantage for you to do so?

—Michell Topham, Wilmington, NC

Net neutrality is the most serious issue facing internet users around the world. And you are on the wrong side. I am 76 but I care tremendously about what the future world will look like. This world must be about more than serving the big guys and their greed for both money and power. MY ACADEMIC FIELD IS THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THIS MOMENT will matter to the future of AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS, AMERICAN EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, AMERICAN INGENUITY AND POTENTIALLY AMERICAN DEMOCRACY. THE NEW RULES ARE DANGEROUS FOR OUR FUTURE.

—David Wade Chambers, Santa Fe, NM

IF IT AIN'T BROKE.....ending net neutrality would give all advantages to profit driven mega companies! They have already acted unethically and now you want to reward them?? And give them a monopoly?? Are you crazy? Or are you making money on this too at the expense of free enterprise.....it is time to stop all this special interest nonsense and stop trying to fix what isn't broken!

—Catherine Campbell, Umatilla, FL

AT&T is already picking my pocket with a bundle DSL package (it has wireless that I don't use). I can't get my old DSL (toast.net) any more because AT&T "updated" my phone line, and is blocking out third party DSL. I am now forced to pay a substantially higher monthly rate for the same speed DSL. This is the kind of monopolizing AT&T is already guilty of. Anybody who wants to give them the power to reduce the speed of or block access on the internet, due to how much a user is paying, is just helping monopolies (under a different name so they don't legally have to admit it is a monopoly).

—David M. Brown, Ypsilanti, MI

Big monopolistic companies are bad for our freedom. Please protect us and keep them from ruining the internet. Save net neutrality!!!

—Kurt Cummings, Olympia Fields, IL

Please keep the net equally accessible to everyone. Corporations and independent entrepreneurs should have equal ground.

—Amy Jasmer-Flanders, Paynesville, MN

The internet must be treated as a public utility. Access for all - with full performance for all - should be a national goal. We should no more tolerate variable net performance than we would tolerate variations in the quality and price of electricity, water, or sewage.

—Steve Beall, Columbia, MD

Radio and TV airwaves are open and free. Why should the internet be any different so you allow different classes of online messages to take preference?

—James Grau, Santa Rosa, CA

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers and protect net neutrality!

—Ty Frazier, Tacoma, WA

The internet should not be hijacked from the public by greedy mega corporations. Do the right thing please.

—Silas peacock, Fresno, CA

No big corporation or government should control the internet. Let it be open to all..not controlled by corporations or governments.

—Phyl Morello, White Pine, TN

Those of us already on 'the slow road' in less urban environments, do not need another form of discrimination. Also, is this in the spirit of Tim Berners-Lee's gift of the web? Commercial firms can buy private connections now, and should not be allowed to buy us off the internet, to save them money.

—Mr Nick J H Dibben, Matlock,

Freedom of speech means free access to internet. Not some providers' version of it. Only have to look to China to see what the extreme version of this slippery slope looks like. Keep the net truly free.

—Derek Punch, san diego, CA

Please do not create Atwood tiered internet, one super fast lane for big corporate entities with the deep pockets and financial clout to buy advantages for themselves, and a slow lane for everyone else - diversity and variety of content, viewpoint and information availability on a "level playing field" have served the American people and the internet well. Don't give way to corporate giants for their greedy interests at the expense of neutrality for the internet, so everyone's voice can be heard or accessed!

—Bob Rankin, Austin, TX

I am TIRED of my government deferring to the richest corporations on the planet! I want my government to stand up for the vast majority of Americans whose labor and civic commitments MAKE AMERICA WHAT IT IS! Stop giving our internet to these corporations.

—Larry Dennison, Port Townsend, WA

Don't let money win out over the good of the people. The net was just getting really good. Keep the internet neutral!

—Laurie Staley, Spokane, WA

As a small business owner and entrepreneur I need net neutrality to ensure a fair environment for my work.

—Timothy Scott Barnes, Ruther Glen, VA

Internet is no longer a extra service. It's essential utility just like water and electricity and garbage utilization and maybe as far as being of importance like medical insurance. You can't sell cleaner water for more money or more stable electricity for more money etc I think users who exceed and abuse their download caps should be forced to pay extra. These money can cover whatever extra expenses are. But it's not logical or moral and should be illegal these days to filter which traffic (that I pay for equally!) should be prioritized or slowed down on my behalf. That is a form of censorship! Whose interest FCC is protecting and where it's loyalty must be?

—Vlad Mayzel, Coquitlam,

There are laws against monopolies for a reason. Enforce them and understand why they are important. Competition is good for everyone. But like I really think you care in the least what's right for the majority of Americans. All you care about is \$\$\$\$\$\$. We'll see if I'm right.

—Gary F. Tinschert, Tampa, FL

Tom Wheeler's new plan is unacceptable. Please work to restore Net Neutrality.

—Lorianne Chavez, Greensboro, NC

It protects the rights of all to have free access to information without the restrictions of greedy sociopaths ruthlessly intent on their own selfish benefits.

—Daniel J. Fontes, Lafayette, IN

Chairman Wheeler's Internet plan would allow Internet service providers [ISPs] such as AT&T, Comcast and Verizon to create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow road for everyone else. These ISPs would have the power to choose winners and losers online and discriminate against website content and applications. This plan is unfair and discriminatory and is wrong, wrong, wrong! Internet access has been neutral and should remain that way--with all users treated equally. I want neutral access to the Internet! Protect our access by reclassifying all ISPs as common carriers. Common carrier reclassification is the correct and proper way to protect a neutral Internet.

—Terry J. Williams, Shoreview, MN

We are the only developed country that is considering handing over our internet usage rights to corporations. The huge telecom companies have an easy enough time creating essentially a monopoly over "their product," please don't be the part of the government that allows them to become unchecked. Think about the people in the country, not the few giants that try to enforce their will

—Derek B, Austin, TX

I can't wait for all you money hungry old men to live out your time and let someone who actually gives a fuck represent the people. It's shameful that organizations like the FCC aren't willing to take a stand for simple reasonable rights as soon as there is money to be made. It's down right shameful. All you "representatives" represent the scum shit eating gridders that you are, living your lives for yourselves than the people you claim to care about. Thanks for lending another helping hand for crippling this nation that was once so great and prideful. Fuck you FCC.

—Mario E Hernandez, San Jose, CA

Please read the constitution - people before business/profit or money...honor your duty...

—Mary Ann Linehan, Wayne, PA

1) The internet does not need to be a profit center for corporate America. 2) The internet should not be turned into a vehicle for voices being heard only if they have enough money to buy their way.

—Tim Fleischer, Louisville, KY

The First and Fifth Amendments impose an affirmative obligation on the government to foster free speech, the press and petitioning the government. Thus, the Post Office properly fostered the wide dissemination of newspapers and periodicals for nearly all its existence. Net neutrality is the 21st Century equivalent of the Post Office, and net neutrality is vital.

—David Tykulsker, Montclair, NJ

Don't discriminate. Stop the greed now!!

—Joyce Read, Middletown, NJ

It is a part @ should be of our commons not the money trail!!!!!!

—Diane Rapp, Christiansburg, VA

If those with money get to have their information put first, then the "marketplace of ideas" no longer exists, free information for an informed citizenry become biased in that the paid for information comes first. The Net is a common property, used by all for the sake of all of our benefit. It is not a money-based service. Stick up for the people, not corporations and profit. Make all our lives better, not just the lives of a few.

—Timothy Hoyer, Jamestown, NY

Please evaluate the rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality.

—J Beverly, Urbana, IL

The internet is the flow of information. Information is a form of speech - FREE SPEECH. Information is power. Allowing anyone or any organization the right to have a 'less restricted' flow above the 'People' is a slippery slope. The FCC should focus on net security and privacy instead of speed restrictions! Either improve the speed for EVERYONE or leave it the Hell alone!

—Msgt Larry E Arenas Usaf, Retired, Mesa, AZ

The internet ABSOLUTELY MUST remain freely accessible to all people. At risk are fundamental equal access to information, which is a cornerstone of our democracy. Incumbent on this priority is a one-tiered internet of equal cost to everyone!!!

—James L. Wee Ph.D., New Orleans, LA

Net neutrality is crucial to our society for the free flow of information. Otherwise using the internet will provide users with an endless commercial driven only by corporate and governmental interests. It will be fascism in full flower.

—J D Smith, Bridgeport, CT

The FCC is a public agency and therefore works for the public. That's the American public, not a handful of wealthy robber barons trying to bilk us and get richer.

—Stephanie Zappa, Oakland, CA

Big corporations already have enough structural advantages. If you think revolution won't happen here, you're wrong.

—George Duron, Austin, TX

To Chairman Wheeler: The new Internet plan you have proposed is outrageous. You continue to say that you want a free and open Internet and then you show you either do not know what that means or you were disingenuous in your statements. The Internet should not have a slow lane, with a fast lane for those that can pay more. It should be a public service. We do not need this and it is bad for all of us. Please abandon this outrage and stop listening to Comcast and Verizon and instead listen to the public.

—Paul Kimelman, Alamo, CA

It is absolutely critical, in a free democracy, to keep its citizens informed and on a par with the monied special interests! Do not allow internet speed to be sold to the highest bidder!

—Michael McGee, San Luis Obispo, CA

Please do not let the cable corporations profit at the expense of our common interest.

—Darla Cash, Pahoa, HI

It is important to allow an open internet because that's what Democracy is all about. This type of action by the FCC to create a two-tiered wealth based access is a first step in creating a totalitarian system such as the one that brought about the eventual demise of the USSR.

—Todd Hauser, Ocean Park, WA

Change the internet, and you change how the world works. The country is sick and tired of corporate greed and politicking. Just stop and listen to the people already. The government works for us, NOT the other way around!

—Taylor Davison, Helena, MT

Stop interfering with the future. Let the net be!

—Brandon Landas, Leesburg, VA

Net Neutrality has proven to be an avenue of free expression and democracy where they have been threatened in the 21st century.

—Ian Iverson, Royal Oak, MI

It is important that these big companys cant push all americans around and to have totalitarian control over us

—Michael, Taylor, MI

Because the Internet is not a property to be owned by the old guard telecoms.

—Glenn Rempe, San Francisco, CA

Companies with money should not have better access to the internet than we the people. Throw out your proposed rules and reclassify internet providers as common carriers!!

—Mrs. Sylvia Ollinger, San Diego, CA

Free flow of information and ideas are necessary for a sane and healthy society. Your dreams of global domination WILL fail, better stand with the people than with the kleptocrats

—John Wozniak, Mendocino, CA

Net Neutrality is important to me because it assures fair access to internet users in all income brackets. It also fosters start-ups. Finally, I suspect cable companies are not short on cash and providing them new opportunities to exploit internet users is not very appealing.

—Steven Gutman, Rockville, MD

Net neutrality is critically important to maintaining equal access to information for citizens and consumers of internet content, as well as avoiding unfair competition from internet providers. I urge the FCC to protect net neutrality.

—LW Allstadt, Cooperstown, NY

I view the ISPs, and my use of the Internet as no different then my cable TV, my telephone, the radio, electricity, natural gas, water - whatever it is, wherever I am, there it is for my use and benefit at the same level of delivery without interference of others dictating how I am to receive those commodities. And it should remain that way! I employ you to please not bow to and cow-tow to these corporate gougers so they may lesson and cheapen the services they provide to the normal average user. That's me the normal average user, John Q average citizen, the one who, in reality, will be hurt by your proposals.

—Randall Parker, Palm Springs, CA

I depend on fair & equal access to the internet for my very small, one-woman business. If Net Neutrality crumbles, and it costs more to be able to have high-speed internet access than it already does, My small business will also crumble. After a layoff 5 years ago from my last full-time graphics position, I have been unable to find a full time job. I'm now 58, and there are very few employers willing to hire older workers. So, will you hire me if I'm put out of business due to the end of Net Neutrality?

—Nancy Michon, Houston, TX

Real net neutrality is knowledge and a voice for all please don't take this away from everyday citizens

—Susan Clouser, Springdale, AR

For a fair and balanced free market. For the sanctity of small business which is the backbone of this country. To not creat a heirarchy where the rich get richer and the poor stay poorer. The internet must remain a fair, balanced and equally opportunistic playing field. By making a fast and slow lane you will be throwing free market capitalism completely off balance.

—Zack Krone, San Juan Capistrano, CA

Neutrality is VERY important...not just to me, but to millions who have the right to find out and read anything that's being said/written!! Where else? Save the internet for NEUTRALITY!

—Bethany Lynn, Concrete, WA

I have terminal cancer and only way I have to stay in touch with family and friends is with the internet! Please keep it open!
—Luther Thorn, Huntsville, TX

It's time for you to take the side of the average person and STOP HELP BIG BUSINESS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
—Katherine Schwirzinski, Toledo, OH

please restore true net neutrality by not moving forward with paid for faster channels for certain sites. please also categorize the internet as a common carrier as it originally should have been.
—Ellen Ryder, Sedalia, CO

Tom Wheeler / FCC-- Protect Net Neutrality . FCC -- Throw out the rules that will allow for corporate discrimination, and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees, and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Thank you. TJ.
—Thomas Jefferson, Palm Beach Gardens, FL

The Internet belongs to everyone. Protecting Net Neutrality would prevent discrimination against most users of the internet. Giving this power to Internet Service Providers, would take away what we enjoy about the internet and give it to only those that can afford it. That is discrimination and discrimination is wrong no matter how you look at it. We have laws protecting us from discrimination. Maybe we should amend those laws to include protections for Net Neutrality. Thank you, Norman D. Williams
—Norman Williams, Austin, TX

The internet is the voice of the people. It is the root and base of American freedom. It must remain neutral. Please implement the strongest regulations possible to keep the internet neutral and equal for all.
—Amy Stanberry, winter Springs, FL

ISPs should be and must be common carriers....anything less is an insult to our legal and moral public stances.
—Robert Greenstein, Boca Raton, FL

You are a government for the people, NOT corporations. This is outrageous. No discrimination in the net.
—Lynn Levy, Forest Hills, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and keep the net neutral. All data should be treated equally regardless of who created it. ISPs must not be allowed to play favorites among websites. Do not allow a two-tiered system. Keep the internet open and prevent companies from discriminating against different kinds of websites and services. A free and open internet is the single greatest technology of our time, and control should not be at the mercy of corporations. Free and open internet stimulates ISP competition. A free and open internet helps prevent unfair pricing practices. A free and open internet promotes innovation. A free and open internet promotes the spread of ideas. A free and open internet drives entrepreneurship. A free and open internet protects freedom of speech. Without an open internet, big corporations would have tight control over how we access websites and services. We need net neutrality.
—Richard Colombini, St. Louis Park, MN

we need to increase the speed for everyone not just a few!
—Holly Riker, Harwood, TX

Allowing two classes of providers would further exacerbate the have and have-not problem we have in this country. Please do not allow this to happen.
—Barbara Adde, Arlington, VA

While I believe that the simple act of connecting one computer to another (or group of other computers and servers as one does when connecting to the internet) should not be charged at all, the idea that in addition to this connection charge on the connector end the connectee should have to pay as well is ridiculous. This is not Capitalism; this is greed. It is what the government would call "double-dipping" if one did something similar on his or her taxes and "fraud" if done elsewhere. The FCC is a joke, and I have seen nothing worthwhile promoted by this organization.

—Jenafer Dummitt, Sugar Hill, GA

As a self employed engineer, an affordable internet connection is my life blood. "nuf said"

—Costa Chitouras, Somerville, MA

The free flow of information is the only thing I have faith in to make us a better species.

—Dinh Nguyen, Hazle Township, PA

Corporate interests control nearly every aspect of our lives. The Internet is their next Target. Don't let them takeover the Internet! We need STRONG Net Neutrality rules. Use Tim Wu's methods: Pass STRONG Net Neutrality rules (the same 2010 rules, but INCLUDE wireless within the new rules). State authority comes from section 706, but then indicate that authority also is backed by the full FCC authority contained in Title II. This is the easiest way to enable STRONG Net Neutrality rules. This is also likely to dissuade a court challenge as it would take the challenger down the road where if their court challenge were to be successful, Title II would come as a result. No matter what these phone and cable companies want, they do NOT want Title II classification.

—Dave Kalata, Seattle, WA

Let there be a common good.

—P Longo, Merced, CA

Net neutrality is what's made the internet what it is today. Setting up a multi-tiered system would only serve to empower providers to turn the internet into a cable subscription, lining their pockets at the expense of a proven open internet.

—Armando R Camacho, San Diego, CA

Apart from anything else - it's democracy st***d

—Ian Sanderson, Tarbert,

Net neutrality means I can continue to play with the "big boys." I'm an author and entrepreneur. I'm also a Creative Director for a software company. My career, my livelihood, depends on a free and open internet. Artificially limiting the capabilities of this, one of the greatest advancements in history, will harm me and millions of other Americans by taking away a level playing field, where we can innovate and grow and compete even with large corporations. The internet has become an essential asset for human life on Earth, not just the US. There are freedom movements that depend on a free and open internet, to help in the fight against tyranny and oppression. There are services aimed at helping battered women and children. There are services aimed at feeding the starving, reducing the impact of poverty, saving lives by connecting human beings to each other. The proposed changes to net neutrality threaten that. Small businesses need the internet to stay open. Individuals need the internet to stay open. Movements of people need the internet to stay open. It seems the only entities that want to end net neutrality are the ISPs, who want to break a working system in the name of increased profit. Company's that already post billions in profit each year want to post even higher numbers at the expense of everyone else. Please do not let this minority rule. Take bold action. Strike down opposition. Protect our nation and our world from oppression by the few, who see their power as superseding the will of an entire population.

—Kevin Tumlinson, Missouri City, TX

Creating different tiers of access to the internet is like creating different tiers of access to water. A free and open internet is fundamentally available to everyone (like water). It seems creating different tiers of access has a sole function of creating artificial money streams. What common good comes from creating artificial money streams by changing a fundamentally open and free system? Information connects me with my friends down the street or across the world. Access in real time speeds reduces my carbon footprint because I save spending gas to send/receive messages. Access to information is central to the functioning of a participatory democracy. There's already a challenge to find balanced journalism for public information. Creating artificial barriers to information would further block attempts to participate as a citizen of our community, nation, and world. Ultimately, the internet fundamentally provides a free and open access to information. This is a public commodity, and critical to optimal function of our society. Information is to be shared, and celebrated by ourselves, and our children's children. Imagine the destruction limits to water provide people. Why create artificial limits of a similar public commodity like the backbone of information sharing--the internet?

—Todd Hierlmaier, Edina, MN

What comes through the atmosphere should be available to all, although the equipment to obtain that data/information should be purchased, the content should be free (see Marconi, et sequitor). Along with that free content it absolutely must be neutral. Separate is NOT equal.

—Robert J. Cassinelli, Sacramento, CA

Why should we be anything like China? We don't need internet control just to satisfy the greedy rich plutocrats. European countries are moving forward while we're going in reverse and their moving faster at a much \$cheaper\$ cost. I don't trust or like lobbyist and if a special interest (AT&T, Comcast and Verizon) can get their boy (Wheeler) in a government position to rig the playing field anything is possible, they absolutely do not have Main streets interest on their agenda. BUT HEAR ME NOW IF YOU FIGHT THE PEOPLE THE PEOPLE WILL FIGHT BACK!

—James K. Inkenbrandt, Tennyson, IN

DON'T LET BIG BUSINESS CONTROL THE INTERNET

—Marsha Foster, Tomball, TX

THIS IS VERY SIMPLE: I ALREADY PAY FOR INTERNET! I ALREADY PAY FOR NETFLIX! WHY SHOULD I GIVE NETFLIX MORE MONEY TO GIVE TO MY INTERNET PROVIDER WHEN I FEEL I'M PAYING A GOOD AMOUNT TO MY PROVIDER ANYWAY??!?!?! And by the way, would someone PLEASE eject Mr. Wheeler from his position as head of the FCC and show him the door!

—Joe Baldridge, Ringgold, GA

Net Neutrality is so important because it helps to keep the internet free, which is what makes the internet so great. Freedom! The internet should be the essence of what America was once--a place where you can be free without having to pay companies that are already rich enough so that their greed can thrive and grow. Don't let America become even more soiled by having Net Neutrality destroyed.

—Madeline Scott, Springfield, MO

The intent of the internet is to be open. It was created this way. That was its intent. Opposing net neutrality will in effect shut the internet down, and create gated communities of content. While big corporations would love this, it will ultimately be to everyone's detriment, even the corporations.

—Tim Boester, Dayton, OH

A tool as powerful as the internet should not be controlled by a select few corporations, who's interest is not that of the public, but that of their own wallets. Corporations don't care about equal access, or even freedom of speech. Their only concern is for their profit margins, and if that means cutting off Mary and Joe from a service that has become essential to our society just because they can't afford to help the CEO of Comcast buy another yacht, they will not think twice. Don't put the power to control this tool of the masses in the hands of a few elites. Leave it in the hands of the people.

—James Casey-clyde, Davis, CA

What was it that FCC stands for? Federal Communications Commission? or Federal Corporations Crusader? Is it for general communications of ordinary Americans? or for the rich, the "elite," the power-grabbers who view Americans as "consumers" at best? Are leaders like you public servants, or dictators using economics to further a biased agenda? Let's be real.

—Angelyn, Rosburg, WA

Removing net neutrality removes innovation because the real innovators will be throttled in favor of the large corporations that are currently lobbying the FCC and congress to kill net neutrality. This will also lead to data caps on home internet which will further the inhibition of innovation. ISPs should be classified as carriers such as 3G and 4G providers are considered carriers. This would help to preserve net neutrality and innovation.

—Bryce Nolen, East Sparta, OH

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and the internet as a utility.

—Cristina Malcolmson, Portland, ME

Without net neutrality, corporations will be able to restrict our access to information, and our ability to participate as informed citizens in a democracy.

—Bill MacMurray, Chicago, IL

Protect Net Neutrality! There should be one form of communication and information in the world that is free! We have seen in other nations the extremes to which a lack of neutrality needs. Let the Net alone!

—Nancy Denning-Martin, Nashville, TN

Don't sell out. Make ISPs a utility. Protect the massive investment the citizens have made in developing the internet.

—Brendan Gallagher, Rogers, OH

Don't be evil

—Paul Lowenstein, Boston, MA

The internet should remain like it is, I am a very big fan of freedom and equality. I don't believe big business should get their hands on the internet to make more money because of greed. Tom Wheeler your job is to serve the people, not the greedy companies who only see dollars signs!

—Sharon, Lawton, OK

It's like a plan to relieve traffic on the freeway by converting a regular lane to a tolled express lane. If lots of people use the tolled lane it ends up being as crowded as the now fewer regular lanes. Only the toll collector wins.

—Mary Jozwiak, Dripping Springs, TX

After years of inaction on any concerns about issues faced by individuals (jump in volume for adds, lack of access for low power stations, unreasonable power limits for CB) when the FCC finally decides to act, the rich and powerful get the goodies. Stop fixing what ain't broke. Keep real net neutrality.

—David Harrelson, Centerville, TN

With the ability to determine, who has priority for the internet, you are inviting the first stages of censorship. Small companies will not be able to afford, the extortion, required the ISP's. Netflix can afford it (though they shouldn't have to pay). If the ISP's are so adamant, raise rates for users that exceed a certain amount. Then users have the right to pay it or not.

—Rob Krell, New York, NY